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Alike for him, who knows no pain,
To bid the sick man smile again.

XII.

Place on my breast, if still you doubt,
Your hand, but no rough pressure making,
And, if you listen, you'll find out,
How throbs a little heart when breaking.

XIII.

As late I roam'd in silent gloom,
By all the church-yard's dead surrounded,
By chance I struck my dear-one's tomb,
And, oh, my heart sunk all confounded.

XIV.

Fierce storms at sea, the sun far-flying,
Brown rocks o'er woodless deserts lying,
And screaming gulls where men should be,
Heaven! what disheartening misery.

XV.

Then break, my heart, if thou must break;
Why thus the pang so ling'ring make,
By little and by little going,
As thawing ice down mountains flowing?

XVI.

Many an apple will you find
In hue and bloom so cheating,
That, search what grows beneath its rind,
It is not worth your eating.
Ere closes summer's sultry hour,
This fruit will be the first to sour.

WALES.

CAMBRIAN SOCIETY.—At this season of peril, when the signal of revolution is sounded over the land, and sedition and infidelity, treason and atheism stalk around us in all their naked deformity,—when rebellion is proclaimed aloud as the only public virtue, and loyalty is openly denounced as a pestilent evil,—in a word, when anarchy and impiety are audaciously advocated against order and religion,—at such a crisis it can not but be consolatory to contemplate those enlightened associations, which

have, for their peaceful aim, the promotion of literature and of science. Of this patriotic nature is the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY, an institution evidently founded in those principles, which are, at all times, the most stable supports of morality and of social order. A record, therefore, of the origin and views of such an association would, on this account alone, be desirable, were it not naturally demanded in a work dedicated, as this is, to the cultivation of Welsh learning.

It was on the 28th of October, 1818, that the first meeting of the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY was held at Carmarthen, under the immediate auspices of Lord Dynevor, who presided on the occasion. That eminent prelate, the Bishop of St. David's, to whose spirited exertions the institution owes so much, was likewise present, with several other individuals of distinguished talents and respectability. The main business of the Society, in this meeting, was to declare the purpose of its establishment, which was accordingly resolved to be, "the preservation of Antient-British literature, "poetical, historical, antiquarian, sacred and moral, and the encouragement of the national music."

On the 29th of October an adjourned meeting took place at the Episcopal Palace at Abergwilly, when a Committee, at the head of which were the Bishop of St. David's and Lord Dynevor, was appointed, and several resolutions provisionally entered into for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee. Of these the following are all that had relation to the general design of the institution :

That one of the first objects of the Society will be to collect a complete catalogue of all Welsh manuscripts, to be found in the several libraries, in the Principality and in England, or on the Continent, both public and private.

That a literary agent, of competent abilities, be employed by the Society, as soon as its finances are equal to the charge, to visit the said several libraries of Welsh manuscripts, of which they may obtain information, in order to transcribe, with the permission of the owners, copies of the said manuscripts.

That a complete collection of the transcripts, so obtained for the Society, be deposited in the British Museum, or elsewhere—after the publication of such of the transcripts as shall be approved by the Committee for that purpose.

That it shall be a special object of the Society to collect all printed works in the Welsh language, of which there are not

copies, at present, in the library, belonging to the Welsh School, in Gray's-Inn-Lane, in order to be deposited in that library.

That Mr. Edward Williams be requested to reside, for a certain portion of the year, at Carmarthen, to superintend the printing of the Society's publications, and to give instructions to young students in Welsh poetry and literature.

That Mr. Edward Williams's acceptance of the said appointment be entered into the minutes of the Society.

That the Prospectus of collections for a new History of Wales, collected and translated from ancient historical documents in the Welsh language, by Edward Williams, be printed and published at the expence of the Society *.

The first assembly of the Committee, above referred to, was holden at Carmarthen on the 25th of November, when several additional resolutions were adopted, the most important of which were, that a Committee should be appointed in London, to consist only of Members of the Committees in the four divisions of the Principality, Dyfed, Gwent, Gwynedd and Powys, and to communicate with those Committees on subjects connected with the interests of this Society. In addition, the following Queries were also framed for circulation with reference to Welsh history and antiquities; and they appear to be well calculated to accomplish the end proposed:

1. What inedited Welsh manuscripts are known to you?
2. Where are they deposited?
3. Are you acquainted with any portion, or any whole translation, of the Holy Scriptures, in Welsh, more antient than the Norman Conquest, or than the art of printing?
4. Do you know any unpublished Welsh Triads, handed down by tradition or otherwise?
5. What Welshmen have left the Principality, since the time of the Reformation, on account of their religion, or any other cause, who, you think probable, have conveyed with them any remains of Welsh poetry and literature?
6. In what libraries, in England, or any other part of the British dominions, do you think it likely that some of these remains are deposited?

* The Editor has just been favoured with a copy of the Prospectus, here alluded to, which shall be noticed in the next number.

7. In what continental libraries do you think it probable that some of them may be found ?

8. What original Welsh books, or what books, relative to Welsh literature, in any language, do you know to be published ?

9. Do you know any Pennillion not yet published ?

10. Do you know of any species of Welsh composition, poetical or musical, corresponding with that called "Glee" in English, or which is known by the name of "Caniad tri," or, "Caniad pedwar?"

11. Can you exhibit to the Society any old Welsh tunes, sacred or otherwise, not yet published ?

12. What Welsh books, and books on Welsh literature, already published, and now become scarce, do you think merit to be republished ?

The proceedings, above enumerated, with those of the Eisteddfod noticed in the first number of the CAMBRO-BRITON, embrace every thing publicly known to have been accomplished by the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY with respect to the paramount objects of the institution *. But, as the regular establishment of the provincial meetings is about to take place, a general co-operation throughout Wales, in this laudable aim, may now be anticipated. And the union of rank and talent, comprehended in this Society, affords the best ground for hoping, that this co-operation will be effective.

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WELSH CHURCH IN LONDON.—As long as the present salutary connection shall exist in this country between its civil and ecclesiastical establishments, as long as the security of our national church shall be deemed essential to the welfare of our political institutions, the growth of religious schism must be admitted to be an alarming evil. Even in a political light this must be granted ; but when we view our established church with reference to the unaffected piety of its doctrines, to the sublime language in which it inculcates them, and to the generally exemplary conduct of its professors, it assumes a far stronger claim

* At least this is all, that has come to the Editor's knowledge. He avails himself, however, of this opportunity to observe, that any intelligence, relating to the CAMBRIAN SOCIETY, whether with reference to its general principles or to its particular operations, will always be acceptable to the pages of the CAMBRO-BRITON.